

Charter Day to be held April 9

Charter Day, the University's annual observance of the signing of Gallaudet's charter by President Abraham Lincoln on April 8, 1864, will be held this year on Saturday, April 9.

The Gallaudet University Alumni Association's (GUAA) D.C. chapter and the Laurent Clerc Cultural Fund (LCCF) will sponsor a number of Charter Day

activities on Kendall Green.

The Charter Day Banquet and Awards Program will be held in "Ole Jim" beginning at 5 p.m. The program following the dinner will include the presentation of six awards.

Four individuals will receive awards from the LCCF. Albert Couthen, ('66), will be presented the Laurent Clerc Award for outstanding social contributions by a deaf person. Matthew Moore will be presented the Alice Cogswell Award for valuable service on behalf of deaf people. Dr. Igor Abramov of Russia will receive the Edward Miner Gallaudet Award, which goes to a leader, hearing or deaf, working to promote the well-being of deaf people around the world. Vladimir Galchenko, also of Russia, will receive the Amos Kendall Award, which recognizes a deaf person for excellence in a professional field not related to deafness.

The GUAA Outstanding Young Alumnus Award will go to Carin Storch-Freedel, ('84). This is the first time since the award was established in 1976 that the award is being presented to an alumnus from the University's graduate program. Royal Teets ('58) of Oregon will receive the Pauline "Polly" Peikoff Service to Others Award.

Dale Ford, a guidance counselor at the Model Secondary School for the Deaf, will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

The cost of the banquet is \$25 per person. To make reservations, call Mary Anne Pugin ('71) GUAA executive secretary, at x5066 (TTY) or x5060 (V). Reservations must be made by April 1.

Also on Charter Day, an exhibition and sale of original arts, crafts, and photographs will take place in Ely Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information about the exhibition, contact Elizabeth Heintz ('69), 12511 Canfield Lane, Bowie, MD, 20715.

Women's History Month celebrated

Gallaudet is joining Women's organizations across the nation in hosting workshops and lectures to recognize Women's History Month in March. The month has been designated annually to take special note of women's achievements throughout history.

Holly Elkins, chair of Gallaudet's Women's History Month planning committee and a tutor supervisor in the English Tutorial Service Center, said that the activities are open to everyone in the campus community.

A list of events follows. (No activities will take place this week due to spring break.)

• **March 22**—Workshop on sexual harassment, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Ely Auditorium.

• **March 24**—Workshop on gender communication sponsored by the Student Body Government, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Ely Auditorium; workshop on health and the media sponsored by the Peer Health Educator program, 7:30 to 9 p.m. (tentative), location TBA.

• **March 25**—Talk by Deb Price, a lesbian columnist for the *Detroit News*, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ely Auditorium.

• **March 29**—Workshop on women of color, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ely Multipurpose Room; workshop on domestic violence led by Dr. Donna Ryan, associate professor of history, TBA.

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Maurice Ssenyonga, the first recipient of an International Deaf Education and Advancement Fund scholarship, talks with President Jordan and I-DEAF founder Andrea Shettle.

I-DEAF recipient has ambitious plans

The first recipient of the International Deaf Education and Advancement Fund scholarship at Gallaudet has ambitious plans for when he returns home to Uganda, a country where deaf people have generally hidden themselves at home. Instead, Maurice Ssenyonga intends to establish training programs in the deaf community and lobby for deaf people to become skilled in farming and in various trades.

The I-DEAF scholarship was established in 1991 and is targeted to students who come from developing nations, who demonstrate financial need, and who are committed to returning home to help the deaf community in educational and social advancement. I-DEAF was established by Andrea Shettle, at that time a Gallaudet senior, in cooperation with the Development Office. I-DEAF scholarships will be awarded on an annual basis.

The scholarship was meant for someone like Ssenyonga, who arrived on Kendall Green in May 1988 with \$200 in his pocket and without first having been accepted to the University. Ssenyonga received \$800 from I-DEAF.

Ssenyonga, now a senior in social work anticipating graduation this December, was born hearing and was deafened at 16. Although he attended the Uganda School for the Deaf to learn how to speechread, he had to move to Nigeria to complete his education. He returned to Uganda with the intent of coming to Gallaudet by 1971, but by then a 15-year civil war erupted. During that time, travel to the United States was prohibited.

Ssenyonga, who is married to a hearing woman and has eight children, all of whom live in Uganda, began teaching deaf children as an uncertified assistant and substitute teacher in 1974. The school was only open sporadically,

during lulls in the violence. "Sometimes it was closed because of lack of food," Ssenyonga said.

At one point, Ssenyonga left the school—and the country—when he was accused of transporting guns into Uganda, which he denies. Fearing for his life, he fled to London for six months, until the war was over.

Since the end of the war, schools for deaf children have increased from one to three. One of the schools was established by Ssenyonga in 1986. He also has researched Uganda Sign Language and established the Uganda Association of the Deaf. His frustration at his inability to get government officials to listen to deaf people's needs, however, led him to the United States and Gallaudet.

The late Eli Savanick, then director of the International Center on Deafness, took Ssenyonga under his wing. Ssenyonga studied for a year as a special student with a tuition waiver. He enrolled in the fall of 1989 as an undergraduate student. Supporting himself and paying his tuition has been a struggle; aside from his recent I-DEAF award, his main source of support has been working part time in Gallaudet's cafeteria.

Despite the advances in the last few years to educate deaf people in Uganda, the struggle is far from over. "My problem there is that I don't have qualified teachers or money. I can't help them," Ssenyonga said. "If I have a degree, the government will see that I have experience," Ssenyonga said. "If I have no degree, they won't really listen. They'll think I have no education."

His training in social work has taught him how to establish programs, such as job training. His goal is to meet the needs of Uganda's deaf population. "I will see what my deaf community wants," he said.



Combined Federal Campaign loan executive Jacqueline Jackson congratulates President Jordan at a CFC volunteer luncheon March 8 for Gallaudet having exceeded its \$36,000 goal, netting \$47,100 and entering CFC's Winner's Circle for the second year. Also pictured are CFC campus campaign officials Maria Ballesteros (left) and Julia Pitt.

Announcements

The Gallaudet University Southeast Regional Center is sponsoring the conference "Deaf Women in the 21st Century" April 15-17 in Atlanta, Ga. Presenters will include Vice President for Academic Affairs Roslyn Rosen, National Association of the Deaf Executive Director Nancy Bloch, and historian of deaf women Sharon Kay Wood. Registration is \$89 after March 14. A 15 percent discount is available to students/senior citizens. For hotel reservations, call the Holiday Inn Crown

Achievements by women noted

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- **March 30**—Women's History Month Fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Ely Multipurpose Room; lecture on Feminists for Life by Dr. Paul Siegel, associate professor of communication arts, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., place TBA.
- **March 31**—Lecture on the history of the women's movement by Hannah Olanoss, president, Capital City Chapter of the National Organization for Women, 7 to 9 p.m., "Ole Jim."
- **April 1**—Lecture on the League of Women Voters by Siegel, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., place TBA.

E-mail HAEKINS for more information.

Book signing scheduled for deaf M.D.

Gallaudet community members will have the opportunity to buy one of the Gallaudet University Press's most recent books, *When the Phone Rings, My Bed Shakes: Memoirs of a Deaf Doctor*, and to have author Philip Zazove, M.D. autograph their books March 25 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Ely Center Art Exhibit Room.

In his book, Dr. Zazove recounts his struggles to excel in public schools with no services for deaf students at a time when most deaf children attended special schools. But excel he did, so much so that while he was a student at Northwestern University it seemed his academic record would get

Plaza Ravinia, 1-800-HOLIDAY (V). For more information, call the regional center, (904) 829-2424 (TTY) or (904) 829-6481, ext. 216 (V).

Gallaudet students, from preps to first-semester seniors, can compete for a one-year cash award from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Students must submit a paper of at least 1,500 words on a topic in American history. A Gallaudet faculty member must certify that the paper is the student's own work. Papers must be submitted to the History Department by April 15. For more information, contact Dr. Joseph Kinner, x5474.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science is seeking scientists and engineers with disabilities for the *Resource Directory of Scientists and Engineers with Disabilities*. To be listed, candidates must hold or be working toward a degree or be employed in a scientific, engineering, or medical discipline. The deadline for inclusion is May 31. For more information, contact Lauren Summers or Patricia Thompson, AAAS, Project on Science, Technology, and Disability, 1333 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20005; (202) 326-6645 (V/TTY) or fax to (202) 371-9849.

him into any number of medical schools. It didn't; a host of medical schools rejected him because of his deafness.

But Zazove pressed harder and won acceptance to Rutgers University's medical school. Later, he transferred to Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., where he defied the medical school faculty's advice and went into family practice.

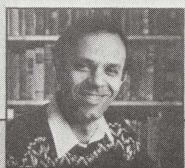
When the Phone Rings, My Bed Shakes continues with amusing and moving vignettes of Zazove's patients, revealing the dedication and humanity that have made him a respected and well-loved doctor.

According to a review in the *Library Journal*, "Zazove believes that his deafness has contributed to his humanity, leading him into family practice and helping him to focus on individual patients. The personal account of his struggles reveals his inspiration, dedication, and warmth."

For this occasion, the press will sell the book at \$18.35, which represents a 20 percent discount.

PHILIP ZAZOVE, M.D.

When the Phone Rings, My Bed Shakes



MEMOIRS OF A DEAF DOCTOR



Marie-Helene Knox, a niece of the Abbé de l'Epée and coordinator of the Deaf Education Project at the Belfast Institute of Further and Higher Education, talks with Trent Batson, director of Electronic Networks for Interaction, during a recent visit to Gallaudet.

Relative of Abbé de l'Epée visits

Two educators visited Gallaudet recently to gather ideas and information to help them run a new deaf education project in Belfast, Northern Ireland. One of the educators, Marie-Helene Knox, is originally from France, and distant niece of the Abbé de l'Epée who established the school for deaf children at which Laurent Clerc studied. Clerc worked with Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet to establish the first permanent school for deaf children in the United States, the American School for the Deaf, in 1817.

Knox is the coordinator of the Deaf Education Project at the Belfast Institute of Further and Higher Education (BIFHE). Maggie Feeley, who accompanied her, is the senior lecturer in charge of Adult Basic Education at BIFHE. The Deaf Education Project, now in its second year, serves about 100 deaf students age 16 and older. Students in the project work to develop their academic skills so they can enter college.

Knox and Feeley observed classes at the School of Preparatory Studies and the Postsecondary Enrichment Program and met with individuals knowledgeable in teaching with both sign language and English. "One main concern we have is the lack of language with our students in both sign language and English," Knox said. BIFHE is also challenged by limited resources in Ireland. "We want to talk through sign language, but . . . most teachers can't sign. Most deaf students don't have the level of education they need to become teachers themselves."

Although Knox and Feeley didn't learn any new teaching techniques, they were interested to find that education

at Gallaudet emphasizes different approaches than they are used to, such as preferring class discussion to the straight lecture approach and incorporating writing instruction across the curriculum.

Gallaudet personnel gave the visitors so many papers with information they couldn't carry it all. They had to mail some of it back to Northern Ireland.

Knox and Feeley said they have gained not only information but validation. "What's comforting is to know we're going in the right direction," Knox said. Also valuable were the contacts they made, Knox said. "Everyone was very helpful. If we have more questions, we know we can contact them again."

After Gallaudet, Knox and Feeley were to have visited the National Technical Institute for the Deaf before returning to Northern Ireland.

Classified Ads

Classified ads are printed for Gallaudet faculty and staff. Ads must be submitted in writing in person or by mail to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37. Off-campus phone numbers must include an area code and whether the number is voice or TTY. In compliance with the Education of the Deaf Act of 1992, as amended, payment of \$1 per ad per printing must accompany each ad. The deadline for submitting ads is Friday, 10 days before the desired publication. Ads received March 14-18 will be printed March 28.

FOR SALE: '88 Hyundai GL, blue, 3 dr., AC, auto., AM/FM radio, no-rust undercoat, 35K mi., orig. owner, like new, \$2,400/BO. Call Bridget, (410) 997-0835 after 5 p.m.

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Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 (V) or x5359 (TTY).

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